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Douglas Hart et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005 (Paper No. 02242005).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following species in the aboveidentified application:

Claims 1-11 and 18-23, drawn to the use of an aperture element in a relay system disposed between the optical apparatus and the image recording device of a 3-D imaging system; and

Claims 12-17, drawn to the use of an aperture element in an illuminating system coupled to an optical apparatus having an illumination path and an imaging path.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I, claims 1-11 and 18-23 without traverse.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. MIT-002, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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